credit structure; (ii) ensuring timely availability of quality inputs; (iii) promoting farmer friendly, demand driven agriculture extension system; (iv) accelerating diversification to high value crops including horticulture activities; (v) strengthening infrastructure and the supply chain; (vi) optimizing the efficient utilizaiton of available water resources through micro irrigation and enhancing the sustainability of dry-land/rainfed farming system; (vii) reforming agricultural markets and widespread use of post harvest technology; and (viii) putting in place an appropriate risk management apparatus for farmers.

(c) The Macro Management of Agriculture scheme was launched in 2001. Under this Scheme, the States have been given flexibility to develop and pursue activities on the basis of their regional priorities. Under the scheme, assistance is provided for various inputs and training of farmers/extension workers as well as supply of critical inputs like seeds, sprayers and water saving devices like sprinklers and drip systems, production of breeder seed, foundation seed and certified seed, crash programme for quality seed production, distribution of certified seed, and minikits. Under this scheme, the States are encouraged to include new interventions and best farm practices.

The allocation and utilizaiton of funds under the scheme in Andhra Pradesh during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 are shown below:

(Rs. in lakh)

Year	Allocation	Utilization
2003-04	3400.00	3279.20
2004-05	3600.00	3712.18
2005-06	3300.00	--

(d) As on 31.03.2005, 1.11 lakh hectares under drip irrigation and 0.84 lakh hectares under sprinkler irrigation have been covered in Andhra Pradesh.

Assistance to FPIs

†*357. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of financial assistance provided to Food Processing.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Industries (FPI) during the last three years under the plan development scheme by the Central Government; State-wise;

(b) the details of the efforts made by the Central Government for the establishment, modernization and upgradation of food processing industry units in the country especially in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the details of food processing units established/modernized during the last three years in the State as a result of these efforts, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Government has implemented several Plan Schemes for promotion of food processing industries in the country including Andhra Pradesh. Under these schemes financial assistance is provided for technology upgradation/modernization/establishment of the food processing units. Assistance is also provided under the plan schemes for creation of infrastructure, support for R&D, human resource development besides other promotional measures to encourage development of the food processing industries. The Plan Schemes of the Ministry are project-oriented and not State or area specific.

In 2004-05 the Government has allowed under Income Tax Act, deduction of 100% of profit for five years and 25% of profits for the next five years in case of new agro processing industries set up to process, preserve and package fruits and vegetables. In the Union Budget of 2006-07, the Government has announced to exempt the condensed milk, ice cream, preparation of meat, fish and poultry, pectins, pasta and yeast from payment of excise duty.

Under the Technology Upgradation Scheme details of financial assistance provided to food processing industries during the last three years State-wise is at Statement-I (*See* below). Details of assistance provided to food processing units during the last three years, District-wise in Andhra Pradesh is at Statement-II.

Statement-I

State-wise details of Food Processing Units under Technology upgradation/establishment/modernization during the last three years in Andhra Pradesh

(Rs. in lakh)

State/UT	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06 (upto Dec. 05)
Andhra Pradesh	465.57	797.67	441.04
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-
Assam	257.79	245.76	40.83
Bihar	-	25.32	51.96
Chhattisgarh	-	32.61	6.48
Delhi	-	2.50	36.77
Goa	17.00	25.00	47.58
Gujarat	165.85	262.15	258.88
Haryana	185.94	183.34	132.39
Himachal Pradesh	99.18	75.51	116.98
Jammu & Kashmir	108.78	74.78	35.36
Jharkhand	-	-	48.28
Karnataka	151.49	425.32	302.55
Kerala	192.53	152.86	285.35
Madhya Pradesh	88.93	45.62	172.45
Maharashtra	529.03	778.67	907.72
Manipur	108.41	-	-
Meghalaya	-	12.14	-
Mizoram	110.50	12.30	-
Nagaland	40.75	-	17.35
Orissa	-	63.31	3.93
Pondicherry	-	24.54	-
Punjab	163.00	538.23	340.90
Rajasthan	86.00	35.83	61.47
Tamil Nadu	274.03	310.60	498.25
Tripura	33.07	-	-
Uttar Pradesh	263.19	591.76	570.17
Uttaranchal	5.37	87.88	156.31
West Bengal	132.96	325.74	284.61

Statement-II

District-wise details of Food Processing Units under Technology upgradation/establishment/modernization during the last three years in Andhra Pradesh under MFPI Scheme

Sl.No.	Name of the District	No. of FPI units
1.	East Godavari	16
2.	Nalgonda	2
3.	R.R. District	6
4.	Chittoor	8
5.	Cuddapah	2
6.	Karimnagar	1
7.	Guntur	2
8.	Prakasam	1
9.	Krishna	4
10.	Nizamabad	1
11.	Medak	1
12.	Warangal	1
13.	Visakhapatnam	2
14.	Nellore	3
15.	West Godavari	6
16.	Hyderabad	1
	TOTAL:	57

Allocations to Ayurvedic System of Medicine

†*358. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the National Policy, 10 per cent of the total allocated amount should be allotted to Ayurvedic System of Medicine;

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